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FOR EB/FSE - PLEASE PASS PHILLIPS PETROLEUM

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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF OIL TANKERS

REF: STATE 181441; KATHMANDU 3736

1. REPRESENTATIVES NEPAL SHIPPING CORP. REPORT COMPANY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING CHARTERS FOR TOTAL LIFTINGS PHILLIPS PETROLEUM FROM PERSION GULF TO COCHIN, INDIA. REPS HAVE SUGGESTED MEETING IN NEPALESE EMBASSY, LONDON, OCTOBER 8. WOULD PREFER DISCUSS PRICE AT THAT TIME. REPS ALSO WISH KNOW IF PHILLIPS WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK.

2. REPRESENTATIVE NEPAL SHIPPING CORP. STATED HE ALSO AWARE THAT J. K. INDUSTRIES OF INDIA MAY BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING CHARTER VESSELS TO PHILLIPS. IN VIEW SIZEABLE REQUIREMENTS INDIA OIL CORP. FOR TANKERS HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE GOI WILL PERMIT J. K. INDUSTRIES TO CHARTER VESSELS FOR PHILLIPS. HE THEREFORE RECOMMENDS PHILLIPS CONCENTRATE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH NEPAL SHIPPING CORP. AND AVOID LOSS TIME IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH J. K. INDUSTRIES, BEFORE GOI PERMISSION REQUESTED. (EMBASSY CANNOT COMMENT ON ACCURACY THIS JUDGMENT, BUT WISHES PASS IT ON TO PHILLIPS PET. FOR INFORMATION.)

3. PLEASE NOTIFY EMBASSY IF LONDON MEETING ACCEPTABLE, AND IF
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PHILLIPS AGREES TO PARTICIPATION CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN MEETING.

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